

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Helmut Thoma**GROUP:** 3682**SERIAL NO:** 10/647,912**EXAMINER:** Terence Boes**FILED:** August 25, 2003**FOR:** GEAR ARRANGEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- b. One-Month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- c. Other:

4. Fee Payment

a. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed.

b. Charge Deposit Order Account 50-3381 in the amount of \$910.00 for the RCE and extension fees.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional extension and/or fee that is required for entry of this RCE to Deposit Order Account 50-3381.

Respectfully submitted,


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